NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED Thursday, August 02, 2018

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent for the City of Knoxville, acting for the Mayor at their offices in Room 667-674, City County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, until 11:00 AM EDT, *Thursday, August 02, 2018* at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud, and the contract awarded as soon thereafter as practicable for the South Castle Street Sidewalk Project. The reading of the bids will begin at 11:00 AM EDT.

TDOT PIN: 115213.00 Federal Project No.: CM-9109(148) State Project No.: 47LPLM-F3-072

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will consist of construction a five foot wide concrete sidewalk with 6 inch detached curb on the west side of South Castle Street from Martin Luther King Jr Avenue to the entrance to Claude Walker Park. The project length is approximately 1,300 linear feet and will also include driveway improvements, milling, overlay and striping.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the City of Knoxville, Engineering Department, 3131 Morris Avenue, at 2:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

PROPOSAL CONTRACTS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE TIME SET FOR OPENING BIDS

A Prime Contractor must prequalify with the Department of Transportation in accordance with Section 54-5-117 of the "Tennessee Code Annotated" and Tennessee Department of Transportation Rule 1680-5-3 prequalification of contractors before biddable proposals will be furnished.

The Purchasing Agent for the City of Knoxville, acting for the Mayor hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability in consideration for an award. A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 6% is set on this contract. However, the use of DBE or minority/women owned firms are encouraged.

The Purchasing Agent for the City of Knoxville, acting for the Mayor is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer, drug-free with policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or military service. The Purchasing Agent for the City of Knoxville, acting for the Mayor's telephone number is [865-215-2070].

THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IS RESERVED

Project plans, specifications, and bid packages may be obtained from the Engineering Department after completing the Bid Document Request Form available on the City of

Knoxville's procurement website at www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing. Completed Bid Document Forms shall be emailed to civilengineeringplans@knoxvilletn.gov. You will then receive a response email containing a link to download PDF files of the project plans, specifications, and bid packages.

Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the Knoxville Builders Exchange, Urban League, Black Contractors Association, the Purchasing Division of the City of Knoxville, and can be reviewed online at the iSqFt website @ www.isqft.com.

No bids will be received or accepted after the above specified time for the opening of bids. Bids submitted after the designated hour will be deemed invalid and returned unopened to the bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	
Date	Purchasing Agent